

## PUBLICATIONS.

**International Clinics.** Edited by A. O. J. Kelly, A. M., M. D., of Philadelphia, with the aid of collaborators and correspondents. Vol. I, p. 304. Fourteenth Series. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co., 1904.

This volume opens with an article on "The Chlorid Reduction Treatment of Parenchymatous Nephritis," by F. Widal and A. Javal of Paris. It was found by them that a decrease in the amount of sodium chlorid ingested by a patient suffering from parenchymatous nephritis led to a corresponding decrease in the albuminuria and in the edema. Cattell has embodied the results of many observers in an article on "The Practical Application of Cryoscopy to Medicine," and draws some valuable conclusions. Clark and Luther have made a careful study of the Connell suture of the intestine, and indorse it as the most rapid and most perfect method of suture yet devised for end-to-end or lateral anastomoses. "Observations upon Gastric, Intestinal and Liver Surgery in the German Clinics" is the title of a very readable article by Noble of Philadelphia. He makes a number of critical remarks on the technique of Czerny, Körte and Kehrer. The introduction of a series of reviews on the progress of medicine during the year 1903 has greatly enhanced the value of the International Clinics. David L. Edsall has charge of the department of medicine, Joseph C. Bloodgood that of surgery, and treatment is dealt with by A. A. Stevens.

**The Date Palm; Its Utilization in the Southwest.** Mr. Walter T. Swingle of the Department of Agriculture, laboratory of plant life, has prepared a very fine monograph on the subject of the date palm and its particular adaptation to hot, dry and alkaline regions. It is remarkably well illustrated by photographs of the date palms of Algeria, Egypt, etc., and the suggestions relative to the cultivation of dates in our own southwestern states are opportune.

**The Journal of Ophthalmology, Otology and Laryngology** announces that the ownership of the publication has passed into new hands, but that the editorial management remains the same. "A determined effort is to be made to enlarge the scope of the magazine."

**A Simple Phorometer, Adapted for Use at Reading Distance,** is the title of a paper by Dr. William A. Martin, San Francisco, recently published in the *Ophthalmic Record*. The simple little instrument is indeed ingenious, and should make a valuable addition to the armamentarium of the ophthalmologist. It is intended solely for determining the presence of muscle imbalance at the reading distance.

**Electricity the Chemistry of Ether;** a treatise generalizing a fundamental hypothesis as applied to electricity, etc., by George Adam, M. D., San Francisco: The Whittaker & Ray Co. This book has been received, and will be reviewed in due course.

**Genesis of Epilepsy,** by Louise G. Robinovitch, M. D., New York. "The primary origin of epilepsy, as brought out in this paper, is alcoholism. In the parent it causes epileptiform attacks, and the descendant of such parents is apt to be epileptic in a vast number of cases."

THE CALIFORNIA STATE JOURNAL OF MEDICINE is the organ of the State Medical Society of California, and publishes the society transactions monthly in journal form. Dr. Philip Mills Jones, San Francisco, is editor. The STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL will be, doubtless, the accepted medical journal for general medicine and the dissemination of medical news and professional unity.—*Woman's Medical Journal*.

## PERSONAL.

Dr. Charles E. Beebe, formerly of Watsonville, has located in San Francisco.

Dr. J. A. Young, formerly surgeon Pacific Mail Steamship Company, has located at Salinas.

Dr. George W. Peck has removed from Sebastopol, Sonoma county, to Sawtelle, Los Angeles county.

Dr. Thomas M. Williams, formerly of 2692 Pine street, San Francisco, is now located at Palo Alto.

Dr. R. E. Reese has removed from Fort Bragg, Mendocino county, to San Jose, and has opened offices in the Safe Deposit building.

Dr. John Snook has sold his practice at Bakersfield, and, after spending the summer at Tallac, will probably locate at or near Berkeley. The doctor has changed his registration from eclectic to regular.

Dr. Walter Lindley, editor of the *Southern California Practitioner*, has recently been elected Dean of the Medical College of the University of Southern California. This Los Angeles school is now entering its twentieth session. Dr. Lindley was one of the organizers of the school, and is professor of gynecology in that institution.

Lewis S. McMurtry, the next president of the American Medical Association, was born in Central Kentucky, and has always lived in his native State. He comes of Scotch ancestry, and is 52 years of age. He received his preparatory education in Kentucky, and his medical degree from Tulane University of Louisiana. He is a frequent contributor to medical literature, writing mostly on surgical subjects, particularly upon abdominal surgery.

Change of address, San Francisco: Dr. L. W. Spriggs, from 315 Van Ness avenue to 499 Eddy street; Dr. Henry Harris, from 502 to 1023 Sutter street; Dr. Martha G. Thorwick, 1212 Sutter to 1145 Polk street; Dr. A. B. Grosse to 751 Sutter street (erroneously printed Market street last month); Dr. O. F. Westfeld to 391 Sutter street; Dr. Charles Phipps to 520 Ellis street; Dr. H. Herrington to 916 Market street; Dr. S. S. Kahn to 1626 Jackson street; Dr. C. H. Mills to 944 Post street; Dr. A. L. Draper to 360 Geary street; Dr. B. F. Fleming to 1720 Fillmore street.

## TO COUNTY SECRETARIES.

There are some of the secretaries of county societies who seem not to understand the relation existing between the several county organizations and the State Society.

The State Society is simply an organization composed of members of the component societies, and is maintained by a per capita assessment on members of these affiliated county societies. There are some members who will pay dues direct for terms including 1904, but that is an individual matter with them, and they have all been notified of their indebtedness. After this year members will pay no dues direct to the State Society, only paying the county dues, which will cover the per capita assessment to the State Society.

The STATE JOURNAL is the property of the State Society, and consequently is owned jointly by every member of every affiliated county society. This being the case, the secretaries of these county societies, representing their membership, should act as their spokesmen, and send in monthly reports, medical news items of interest to their members, notices of marriages, births and deaths, reports of meetings, changes of location; in fact, should act in the capacity of a sub-editor of the JOURNAL. This work may take some time, and may be thought a hardship by some, but the county secretaries are the ones who keep in touch with their members, and are therefore in a position to get the news.